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## Calendar

### Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Aug. 6 in the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Mrs. Bellinghausen will present a program on Jud.

### Plainview-McConnell-Bunker Hill homecoming

F. A. Ulmer is upgrading addresses of alumni for the upcoming Plainview-McConnell-Bunker Hill homecoming. Addresses may be submitted to Ulmer at Route 2 Box 1C1, Sagerton, TX 79548 or by calling 940-997-2577. The homecoming will be held Sat., Oct. 6 at the Sagerton Community Center.

### New Hope Homecoming

The New Hope Homecoming will be held Sun., Aug. 5 from 9 to 4 p.m. at the TCR Bunkhouse in Stamford. A catered lunch will be served. Cost is \$5. Reservations for dinner should be made to Barbara Billington, 9327 Farm Road 1226N, Stamford, Texas 79553 or by calling 915-773-2275. A New Hope Cemetery meeting will follow the memorial service.

### 55 Alive driving course

An AARP 55 Alive safe driving course will be held Aug. 6 and 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. sponsored by the Experience Citizen Center at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Cost is \$10. Contact Florence Peden at 864-3875 for reservations and details.

### Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Longs Indoor Arena in Abilene. For information call J. W. Wallace 864-3509 or Tim Layman 864-8500.

### Two-a-days

Football workouts for Haskell High School will begin Mon., Aug. 6. Those who wish to participate must have physical forms turned in to Coach Brunson by Sat., Aug. 4. Forms may be turned in at the field house. Incoming 7th graders must have a physical by the first day of school. No athletic equipment can be issued until physical forms are turned in.

### Report for football

Young men wishing to participate in Indian football should report to the field house Mon., Aug. 6 at 7:30 a.m. Practice will begin at 8 a.m. A schedule of events during two-a-day workouts is available at the Administration Office or the field house. Everyone is welcome to attend practice and watch. For more information call Coach Brad Brunson at 864-2539.

### TASP test

Haskell High School will offer the TASP test Sat., Aug. 4 at 8:15 a.m. in the high school auditorium. Contact Christye Gannaway at 864-8535 for more information or to reserve a space.

### Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., Aug. 2 at 9:30 a.m.

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HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL-171 students of vocal music, who attended the 36th Annual Summer classes sponsored by the Haskell Church of Christ, July 8-13, gathered for a 2001 class photo. Students came from across Texas and from New Mexico, Arkansas and Alabama for instruction and practice in music and singing.

## Annual Singing School continues to grow

by Mary Kaigler

"Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord," says the scripture in Ephesians 5:15.

There is no instrument, however beautiful it may be, that more beautifully expresses the music of the human heart and soul, than that of the human voice when it is tuned to its Maker.

In ancient times the psalmist said, "With singing lips my mouth will praise thee." In Haskell, July 8-13, 171 young people and adults, who want to sing praises as beautifully as they can in these times, attended the 36th Annual Haskell Singing School, which has been conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ, under the oversight of the church elders, since 1965. Through the years, the school has earned a superior reputation and continued to grow.

This year's attendance equaled or topped any of the previous years, said local minister, Brett Anderson, who served as administrator of the school. As they have in all of the years since its beginning, students this year came from a wide area of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Alabama.

The school was founded and remains based on the directive of Paul in Col. 3:16, "...teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord," which the church takes seriously in continually striving to make worship services memorable and uplifting through singing with the feelings of the heart. The goal of the school is to help students improve their individual skills, not only to enrich themselves, but also

to be equipped to go home and help their home congregations with their singing.

Although mostly made up of young people, adults may also attend as students. Those students having attended the school before, advance to more intense training classes each year. The school curriculum includes classes in the subjects of Rudiments of Music, Song Leading, Sight Reading, Song Writing, Hymn Appreciation, Music Theory, Voice, Harmony, How to teach singing, and others such as choral singing and singing in special groups (trios, quartets, etc.)

Instructors for the classes this year were: Tom Chapin of Little Rock, Arkansas; Gene Chapin of Bayfield, Colorado; Thomas Chapin of Southaven, Michigan; Bob Connel of Abilene, who has been at all of the schools since it began in 1965; John Connel of Lawrenceville, Georgia, and Bill Lyon of Snyder.

Each morning the students assembled at 8:45 for a devotional, followed by warm-up voice exercises. Then they broke into groups, based on their previous musical backgrounds, and went to various classrooms. At noon a catered lunch was served in the church gym. Classes resumed at 2:00 and continued until 4:00 p.m., when students were dismissed to their host families for supper. All then returned to the church building at 7:30 for general practice and a devotional. Although the focus was mainly on singing, covering both traditional and contemporary music, they had several breaks during the day with time for fun activities and fellowship. This year, the traditional Friday night closing program drew an audience of 336 appreciative people who enjoyed hearing the students sing in four-part harmony, new and innovative arrangements of familiar, older songs.

The singing school students are given room and board with members of the church who provide them with a place to sleep and their morning and evening meals. This tradition has proved to be one of the most enriching

aspects of the week, as the hosts and students are said to usually develop close ties that last well past the end of the school.

In comparison to many other week-long summer camps, the \$162.00 cost of attending the Haskell Singing School, which includes tuition, room and board and class-room materials, is considered to be a real educational value. Enrollment is open to all, requiring only that the person wants to sing and is over the age of ten years. Scholarships are available. Church secretary, Charlotte Peiser served as registrar for the school.

Brett Anderson said that the local church's main concern for the future of the perennially successful

school is that they may soon have more students applying than the facilities will accommodate, and may have to set a limit on enrollment. "We don't want to do that," he said. "In all of the 36 years, no one has been turned away. But we realize that at the present time, about 200 students are all that we can take care of." He added that some changes may have to be made in the future operation of the school to accommodate a larger enrollment.

In the meantime, for one more year, another group of Haskell Singing School students have tuned their voices and their hearts' music to "sing to the Lord a new song," and have left on a happy note.

## Haskell Elementary students to register

**New Student Registration**  
Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students Thurs., Aug. 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the elementary library (located on the west side of the campus on South Avenue H). This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and last report card.

**Elementary Registration**  
Registration for all Haskell Elementary students will be Thurs., Aug. 16 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

Classes will begin at 8:15. Kindergarten, first, second and third grades will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. the first three weeks of school (Aug. 20 - Sept. 7). Fourth, fifth

and sixth grades will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

School begins Mon., Aug. 20.

### Early Childhood Classes Offered

Early Childhood screening and registration for the 2001 - 2002 school year will be Thurs., Aug. 23 and Fri., Aug. 24 at Haskell Elementary School.

To be eligible for the class, your child must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2001.

The screening identifies children ages 3 - 5 who may be developmentally delayed in any way. If you feel your child may be delayed in learning, speech and/or emotional skills, please call the elementary office at 864-2654 to set up a time for your child to be screened.

Please bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization record with you to the screening and registration.

If your child turns 3 years old during the 2001 - 2002 school year, please call the elementary office for more information about Early Childhood.

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# Planning can help retirees fill days of retirement

No longer confined to the rigors of the work world, as a retiree you can spend your time doing whatever you want to do.

But in order to get the most out of your retirement, you should do some planning. Think about how you will replace your work routine with a retirement routine. Once you realize all the time you'll have, filling it may seem overwhelming at first. To get started, here are 10 ways you can enjoy your retirement:

1. Pursue education. Maybe you've never had the opportunity to study something just for the

sheer joy of learning. Take classes at the local community college, recreation center or art school: maybe the arts, like painting, sculpture, music, theater or creative writing?

2. Participate in outdoor activities. Turn your garden into the special place you know it can be. Go fishing or take up bird watching. Take walks and explore your local park or zoo. Take up playing golf or tennis.

3. Hit the road. Retirement is the perfect time to travel. You now have the freedom to roam. Visit

places you've never been before - maybe in your new RV?

4. Perfect your hobbies. If you like to do woodworking or needlework or other crafts, make a place at home where you can work with your hands to your heart's content.

5. Speak out for a good cause. Get involved with politics and local government. Run for an office or work on someone else's campaign.

6. Get a pet. If you love animals but didn't have time for one before, now is your chance. Dogs, cats, birds and other pets make loyal companions and can have positive effects on your well being.

7. Work for fun. You may find you want to go back to work - but on your own terms. Without the pressure to earn a paycheck, you may be able to take a job that you've always wanted even though it doesn't pay much.

8. Volunteer. Taking time to volunteer allows you to use your life experiences, skills and talents to help others in your community.

9. Focus on your health and fitness. While you're planning your new lifestyle, start by thinking of your exercise routine. If you don't have one, first design one that's right for you. And don't forget to eat well-balanced, nutritious meals in order to get physically fit. Try making some new, healthy recipes.

10. Spend time with your grandchildren. Plan for visits with them or have them come visit you. Experience the world together. Visit the library, explore the zoo, take a walk in a local park, see a movie or just go for ice cream.

# Haskell Horse Club Playday results

The Haskell Horse Club held a Playday Sat., July 28.

Results of the playday are as follows:

**Barrels**  
8 and under Novice: 1. Ryder Cude 2. Caleb Lowrey  
8 and under: 1. Coley Flowers 2. Laramie Stewart

9-12: 1. Ashton Rutkowski 2. Weston Rutkowski 3. Pate Stewart 4. Luke Jones 5. Ethan Lowrey

**Flags**  
8 and under Novice: 1. Caleb Lowrey 2. Ryder Cude  
8 and under: 1. Laramie Stewart

9-12: 1. Weston Rutkowski 2. Ashton Rutkowski 3. Pate Stewart 4. Luke Jones 5. Ethan Lowrey

**Poles**  
8 and under Novice: 1. Caleb Lowrey 2. Ryder Cude  
8 and under: 1. Coley Flowers 2. Laramie Stewart

9-12: 1. Weston Rutkowski 2. Ethan Lowrey 3. Ashton Rutkowski

The next Playnight will be August 25 at 7:00 p.m.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Paint Creek ISD offers a choice of healthy meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.50 and breakfast for \$.50. Children who qualify under U. S. Dept. of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or at a reduced-price of \$.40 for lunch and \$.30 for breakfast. All meals served must meet nutrition standards established by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. If a child has a disability, as determined by a doctor, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy, unless it meets the definition of disability. Please call Paint Creek School for further information: 940-864-2471.

Your children can get free school meals if you get food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Depending on your income, your children may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. To find out if you qualify, you must complete the Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals Form and return it to Paint Creek School.

Please call Paint Creek School: 940-864-2471 or write to Paint Creek ISD, Rt. 2 Box 190, Haskell, TX 79521.

### Paint Creek ISD Lunch Guidelines

The Paint Creek Independent School District today announced its policy for providing free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the national school lunch program. Paint Creek ISD has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

#### National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs 2001-2002 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Family Size	Annually:		Monthly:		Weekly:	
	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price
1	\$11,167	\$15,892	\$931	\$1,325	\$215	\$306
2	15,093	21,479	1,258	1,790	291	414
3	19,019	27,066	1,585	2,256	366	521
4	22,945	32,653	1,913	2,722	442	628
5	26,871	38,240	2,240	3,187	517	736
6	30,797	43,827	2,567	3,653	593	843
7	34,723	49,414	2,894	4,118	668	951
8	38,649	55,001	3,221	4,584	744	1,058
9	42,575	60,588	3,549	5,050	820	1,166
10	46,501	66,175	3,877	5,516	896	1,274
11	50,427	71,762	4,205	5,982	972	1,382
12	54,353	77,349	4,533	6,448	1,048	1,490

For Each Additional Family Member Add:  
+\$3,926    +\$5,587    +\$328    +\$466    +\$76    +\$108

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the Superintendent's office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households receiving food stamps or AFDC must list the child's name, their food stamp or AFDC case number and the signature and name of an adult household member. Households not receiving food stamps or AFDC must list: names of all household members; Social Security number of the primary wage earner; total household income and the amount and source of the income received by each household member; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy Paint Creek ISD will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on the informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Paint Creek ISD, Larry Shackelford, Rt. 2 Box 190, Haskell, Texas, 79521 or telephone at 940-864-2471 for a hearing on the decision.

Households that list a food stamp or AFDC case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits are required to report increases in household income of over \$50. per month or \$600. per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below levels shown above.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for school meal benefits. If a household wishes to apply for benefits for foster children living with them, the household should contact the school for more information.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data.

In the operation of child feeding program administered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.

## Obituaries

### Lois Jones

Funeral services for Lois Jones, 80, of Haskell were held Tues., July 31 at First Christian Church in Haskell with Dusty Garrison officiating. Burial was in the Pilot Point Community Cemetery in Pilot Point under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors of Haskell and Slay Funeral Directors of Aubrey.

Mrs. Jones died Sun., July 29 at a local hospital.

Born July 16, 1921 in Pilot Point, she was the widow of Morris Hayden Jones. She had been a resident of Haskell since 1955 working for Schlumberger Well Ser-

vice and the Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license division. She owned and operated Lois' Fabric Shop in Haskell. She was a member of various clubs and civic groups and was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Vala Brown of Lafayette, Louisiana and Bob and Patsy Brown of Pilot Point; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church of Haskell or Pilot Point. PD. NOTICE

### Ida Evelyn Cusick

Funeral services for Ida Evelyn Cusick, 79, of Arlington were held Sat., July 28 in Moore Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

Mrs. Cusick died Mon., July 23.

She was born Dec. 4, 1921 in Haskell.

Survivors include four sons, Bobby Cusick, Mike Cusick and Dennis Cusick and wife, Lynette, all of Ar-

lington, Pat Cusick and wife, Jeanne, of Anchorage, Alaska; two brothers, Jesse Hilliard and wife, Dot, of Denison and Len Hilliard and wife, Marie, of Plano; two sisters, Vida Emery of Littleton, Colo. and Ellen Hilliard of Abilene; one sister-in-law, Bernice Hilliard of Haskell; three grandsons, Eric Jones and Mike Jones, both of Arlington, and Alex Cusick of Anchorage, Alaska; and three great-granddaughters of Arlington. PD. NOTICE

### William E. Hall, Sr.

Graveside services for William E. Hall, Sr., 74, lifelong resident of Pittsburg, Texas were held Sun., July 29 in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hall died Wed., July 25 at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

Born Jan. 5, 1927 in Pittsburg, he was a graduate of SMU Southwestern School of Banking in Dallas. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He was a retired loan officer/banker for Pittsburg National Bank. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pittsburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Hall

and Ruth Clayton Hall; one son, William E. Hall, Jr.; one brother, Lee Hall; and one sister, Catherine Campbell.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Hall of Pittsburg; one son, Alex Hall of Mount Pleasant, Texas; three daughters, Cathy and husband, Lonnie Behrens of Hico, Julie and husband, Andy McKinney of Friendswood and Susan Loyd of Pittsburg; two sisters, Eleanor and husband, Bruce Jones of Abilene and Norma and husband, Don Russell of Tyler; 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to National Parkinson Disease Foundation. PD. NOTICE

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 628 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., July 28, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Stockers steady-2 higher; feeders steady-1 higher. Packer cattle steady.

Jersey, longhorns, Holsteins, knots, cripples and bad eyes \$5-\$30/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .37-.44; cutters, .40-.46; canners, .28-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .50-.60; feeder, .74-.81; utility, .42-.52.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 300-400 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.08; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.00; 600-700 lbs., .84-.95; 700-800 lbs., .78-.85; 800-up lbs., .72-.83.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .88-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .84-.98; 500-600 lbs.,

.80-.91; 600-up lbs., .68-.89.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, 475-550.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 625-700; aged or small 500-

600.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 725-800; aged or small, 600-720.

## Results of Bob Mobley Invitational Tourney

Results of the 25th annual Bob Mobley Invitational Tournament held at the Haskell Country Club:

Championship - Troy Nuckols 138; Scott Findly 140; Joe Torres 141; David Burson 141

First flight - Eddie Synder 144; Mike Stone 145; Paul Harrelson 146.

Second flight - Jerry Harris 151; Kelly Roberts 155; James Edison 156; Eddie Baldwin 156.

Third flight - Tex Middlebrook 161; Glyen Boyd 163; Butch Rodrigues 165.

Fourth flight - Rob Neely 164; Ed Farmer 164; Mark Andrade 165.

Fifth flight - Gordon Seavey 171; Hommer Ralston 175; Rick Kennedy 176; Bob Mickler 176.


Open Division - 1. Jim Harris

2. Mike Benevides 3. Mike Stowe Senior Division - 1. Bill Perry 2. David Burson 3. Tom Perry

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### Making A Move?

Consumers planning to hire a moving company to transport household goods solely within Texas should be aware of their consumer protection rights.



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Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Transportation.

## Drivers named by Ace

Johnnie Billington of Haskell was named Driver of the Month for Ace Transportation for the month of March.


Dirk Barrington, Terminal Manager said, "Johnnie has a lot of experience and knowledge and he will be a good addition to Ace Transportation."

Steven Yandell of Aspermont was named Driver of the Month for the month of April.

Dirk Barrington, Terminal Manager said, "Steven is a new driver who has developed into a good driver and will continue to be an asset."

Billington and Yandell each received a \$50.00 check. Their names will be engraved on a plaque that will remain in the office of Ace Transportation.

A Driver of the Month must maintain a safe driving record, maintain driving logs and be professional in all his duties.



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Terminal Manager  
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## Some days it's better to be inside

Some days it's better to stay indoors.

Air pollution casts an ugly pall over the city. It doesn't do any favors for your heart, either. Researchers in Boston recently reported that high levels of air pollution are directly linked to an increase in heart attacks. Spikes in air pollution raised heart attack risk by up to 70 percent for up to 24 hours.

Doctors believe this happens because the tiny particles in air pollution create inflammation when they get in the lungs. That inflammation makes blood more likely to clot, and blood clots can cause heart attacks. High pollution also may raise blood pressure and heart rate, which also raise heart attack risks.

Doctors recommend that people at high risk for heart attack - including those who are elderly, have diabetes or high blood pressure - should pay attention to pollution warnings and stay indoors in an air-conditioned environment during periods when air pollution is particularly high.

Ozone is another air health hazard that hits especially hard on hot summer days. It's created by car exhaust reacting to heat and sunlight. Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say high ozone levels make people with allergies or asthma more likely to have an asthma attack. These people should stay indoors on high ozone days and avoid strenuous exercise. If you experience coughing, shortness of breath or pain in the chest, go indoors and take it easy until ozone levels go down.

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# Club women attend District Workshop

"Opportunity Knocks," was the theme of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mesquite District's 42nd Annual Summer Workshop held Sat., July 21, at the O'Brien Baptist Church, hosted by the Knox City Study Club.

Beginning with registration and coffee, courtesy of the Knox City Study Club, thirty club leaders from the ten clubs comprising Mesquite District were present for the one-day seminar. Planned and presided by Mesquite District President, Mary Kaigler, the meeting's theme was carried out in workshop presentations given by district club leaders.

Following the invocation led by chaplain Ruth Fisher of Baird, Almeta Young of Hamlin led in the pledge to the U. S and Texas flags, and Polly Wheeler of Albany led in singing "Texas Our Texas."

The group was welcomed by O'Brien Mayor, Charlene Brothers, who was introduced by Janoma Stephens of Knox City. Response to the welcome was given by Audrey Brooks of Moran.

District secretary, Almince Harrison of Stamford, called the roll of clubs.

During the morning Opportunity Knocks session, District 2nd Vice-president, Janoma Stephens explained how clubs can apply for district and state scholarships and why they should apply. District President-elect, Nancy Toliver of Haskell, told how to plan and report club workshops. Mary Holloway of Hamlin, chairman of the District Education Program Department, spoke on checking the requirements for planning club programs, and adapting ideas to fit the club. District Yearbook chairman, Susan Graham of Stamford, gave information, hints and how-to's on planning club yearbooks. District 1st Vice-president, Brenda Butler of Moran told how to prepare ahead and be ready to make out club reports in January.

Following each presentation, a an opportunity was given for questions, answers and discussion. Kewpie Duncan of Aspermont

gave the table grace before lunch, which was served by members of the Knox City Study Club.

After lunch, the opportunity was given for those attending the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs 104th Annual Convention in San Angelo in May, to share their experiences with the district members. Reporting on the various state convention activities, guest speakers and entertainments were Nancy Toliver, Brenda Butler, Janoma Stephens, Polly Wheeler, Lorea Kays, and Mary Kaigler. Judy Patterson of Haskell and Erma Liles of Weinert, who also attended the convention, were unable to attend the workshop.

In an afternoon session of Opportunity Knocks for Leadership, Mary Kaigler gave the ABC's for building club morale. Lorea Kays of Moran, spoke on appointing effective committees and chairmen. Dorothy Drain of Stamford spoke

on protocol policies, courtesy and common sense practices for clubs.

Twenty-six state award certificates won by district clubs for reports of programs and projects were distributed by Nancy Toliver. Individuals winning state awards were Brenda Butler, 2nd place for her resume as District 1st Vice-president; Mary Holloway, 2nd place for her resume as District Chairman of the Education Program Department; and Mary Kaigler, 1st place for her District President's report.

An invitation to the Mesquite District Fall Board Meeting in Albany, Oct. 6, was extended by Betty Law, president of the Albany Study Club.

Before adjournment, Winifred White of Knox City led the group in reading the TFWC Club Collect, and Ruth Fisher gave the benediction.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Hyrum and Jean Richards and Lois Redwine were in Lubbock last Sunday to visit Lois' brother-in-law and nephew and Jean's uncle and cousin, Gaylon and Curtis Head. Gaylon will move to the Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring Aug. 1. He served in two wars with the Marines. Gaylon is the widower of the late Shirley White Head who was raised in Haskell.

Lois Redwine recently spent a week in Odessa visiting with daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Vern Foreman. She also visited granddaughter, Monica Childs and family of Midland and a number of friends.

Tuesday morning Jimmy Boyd of Abilene came to Haskell and visited with Joyce Hawkins.

Saturday afternoon Joyce went with daughter Margaret Tatum to Childress where they met Jonathan and Candice Tatum and children Aubrie and Caden. The children returned with Joyce and Margaret for a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roysdon of Mansfield came for the weekend, and visited with Wayne Walters and other relatives. Heather Parsons returned with them. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walters visited, too. All the

children are doing some work on Wayne's house.

Kip and Kaye Derrick of Fort Worth and daughter Kristy Waltman came by Fannie Mae Barton's and spent the night on their way to Ruidoso. After spending a week in Ruidoso they visited on their way home.

Lona Mae Phelps returned home Friday evening after a vacation trip to Durango, Colorado. Jacky Sanders and his wife Sandra and their daughter Jaclyn invited Lona Mae to go with them on a week's vacation. They spent the first night in Canyon where they saw the pageant "Texas" in the beautiful Palo Duro Canyon. The next day they went to Santa Fe and shopped.

From there they drove to Chama and spent the night. The next two nights were spent in Durango. They took the bus to Silverton and rode the train back to Durango, one of the ten most exciting train journeys in the world. From Durango they took the scenic route through Indian reservations back to Ruidoso. In Ruidoso they stayed at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, New Mexico's most distinguished resort. The group had a wonderful trip and enjoyed the cool weather.

# Harrell family holds reunion

The 2001 Harrell Family Reunion was held Friday night and Saturday at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Approximately 27 were in attendance Friday night and enjoyed fellowship along with cold cuts, vegetable trays, chips, dips and brownies.

Forty-seven family members enjoyed a bountiful dinner of smoked brisket and sausage prepared by Gene Harrell along with a variety of covered dishes brought in by family members. A large assortment of homemade items and old photos were auctioned by Van and Brad Harrell to help raise money for future reunions. It was voted to give Willow Cemetery \$250 to go toward purchase of a new lawn mower.

Oldest family member in attendance was C. E. Tidwell of

Haskell. Youngest was Stephen Harrell, great grandson of JR and Margie Harrell and son of Brad Harrell, of Nacona.

Dona and Vernay Lusk of Stafford, Ariz. traveled the furthest to attend the reunion. Melissa, Frances and Jimmie Bowen's granddaughter and Rich and Carol Trueblood's daughter, came from UNM at Albuquerque, N. M.

Kids attending the reunion enjoyed a grab bag filled with surprises and a kids' auction.

Remembrances of those passing away since the last reunion were Keith Hamilton, Viola Tidwell, Quida Harrell and Doll Williams (friend of family).

Special guests visiting with family were Verlene Adkins and Sharon Mullino.

Next year's reunion is planned for the fourth weekend in July, July 26 and 27.

# Alzheimer's Seminar set in Knox City

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Alzheimer's Association will be conducting a three part series for caregivers who are interested in learning more about this disease.

The series will be presented Thurs., Aug. 9, 16 and 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Knox City High School Library located at 400 N. 4th Street in Knox City.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of a set of symptoms called dementia. Dementia affects memory, thinking and behavior to the degree that it impairs daily functioning. The disease is progressive, that is, it gets worse over time.

Early diagnosis of the problem is crucial. Proper diagnosis can determine if the memory loss is a

condition that can be treated or reversed.

Due to the fact that Alzheimer's disease eventually causes people to become completely unable to care for themselves, caregivers often have to make significant adjustments in their lives.

This three part series will deal with Session I - What Is Alzheimer's Disease; Session II - Managing Challenging Behaviors; and Session III - Coping With Caregiving Stress.

There is no charge for the series, but seating is limited. To secure a place, please submit your name, address and phone number by Mon., Aug. 6 to: Knox County Extension Office, P. O. Box 22, Benjamin, TX 79505 or call (940) 454-2651.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — The state's crime rate dropped last year, but data compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety shows the number of reported crimes actually increased.

In real numbers, 1,032,670 serious crimes were reported in the state last year, compared with 1,009,953 in 1999. That amounts to 22,717 more major crimes, a 2.3 percent increase.

The crime rate, on the other hand, was down 1.6 percent. But crime rate is only the ratio of reported crimes per 100,000 population. An increase in population can make the crime rate go down, even if number of crimes increases.

That's what happened in 2000, with the incidence of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault all up from the year before. In the property crime category, which includes burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft, only burglary was down and that was by less than 1 percent.

In the violent crime category, murder was up 1.5 percent, from 1,218 homicides in 1999 to 1,236 in 2000. But murder is unpredictable and erratic.

The number of homicides reported in Abilene, for example, dropped from 12 in 1999 to only one in 2000. But in Plano, the reverse happened: No homicides were reported in that city in 1999 though five people were slain there last year.

Hate crime also increased in Texas, with 305 offenses reported last year compared with 286 the year before. Assaults and vandalism were the most common types of hate crimes, with only two homicides listed as hate crimes.

One bit of good news: Family violence did decrease slightly in 2000. The year saw 175,282 instances of family violence reported, compared with 177,176 cases in 1999.

Another piece of good news was an increase in the number of

arrests for driving while intoxicated.

Texas police officers jailed 97,019 drunk drivers last year compared with 92,895 arrests the year before. That is a 4.4 percent increase.

### Redistricting update

The Legislative Redistricting Board has released its vision of the state's new political map, but its action is only another rest stop on the road to court.

By its July 23 vote, the redistricting board placed 37 House members (28 Democrats and nine Republicans) in districts with more than one incumbent. The realignment of Senate districts creates one incumbent face-off.

With so many political careers at stake, it is a foregone conclusion that the judicial branch, not the legislative, will draw the final redistricting plan.

One thought: While many believe Texas should have a term limit law, in effect it already does: It's called redistricting.

### Exports up

The dollar value of Texas exports has grown even faster than the nation's, according to Texas Department of Economic Development statistics.

Exports increased 23.5 percent in 2000 compared with a U.S. growth of 12.6 percent, the agency reported.

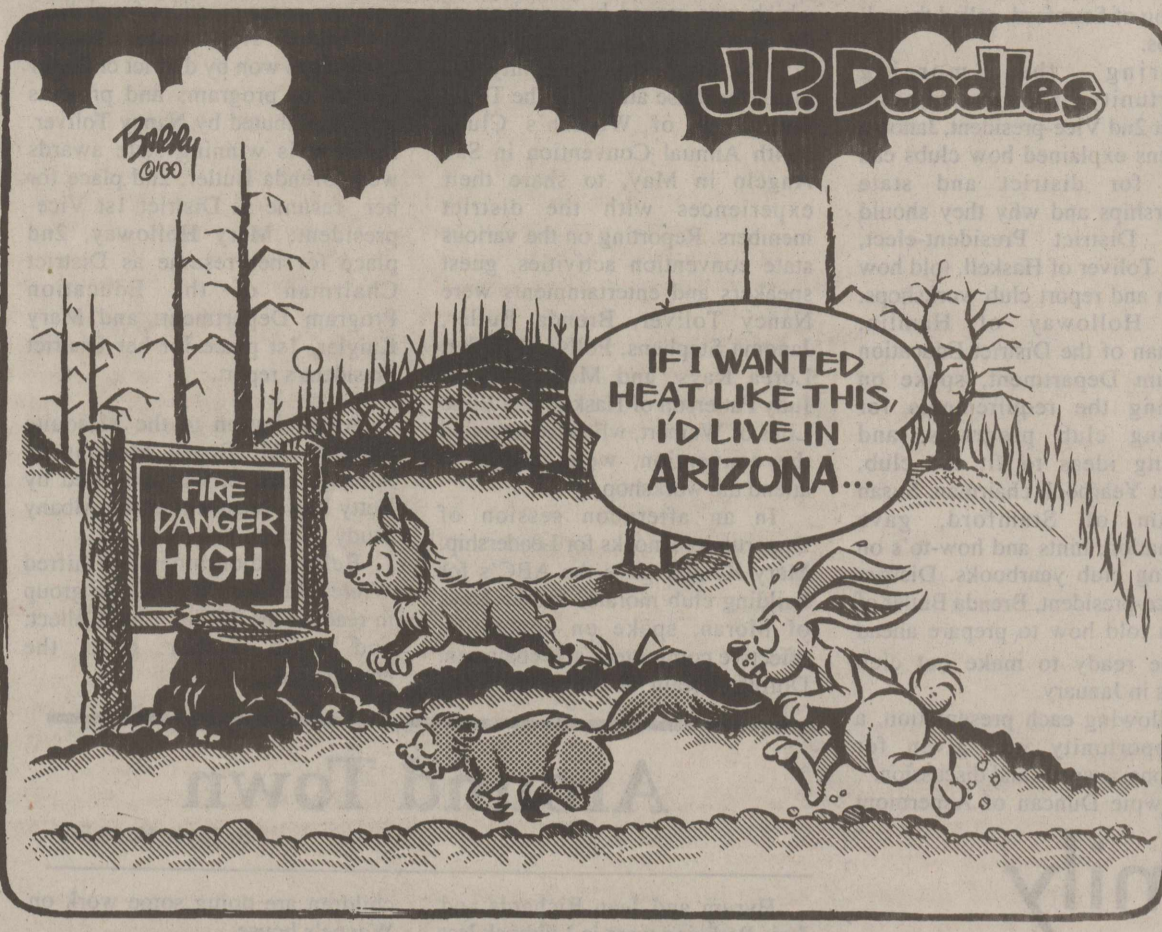
The value of Texas exports last year was \$122.4 billion. The increase seen from 1999 to 2000 was the largest since TDED began compiling export stats in 1987.

Texas' biggest market was Mexico, which imported \$52 billion worth of goods from this state.

### TxDOT head retiring

After four decades of state service, Wes Head is retiring as executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Head joined the agency in 1961. His retirement is effective Aug. 31.



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Have you ever noticed how many of us (particularly we older folks) are dogmatically and comfortably set in our way of looking at things? Having an attitude of "My mind's made up, don't confuse me with the facts" outlook, and never even considering any kind of change in the way we "see" it?

With all due respect to our forebears, there is a tendency in some people to think that if, through the years, our mamas and papas always said certain things, thought in a certain way, voted in a certain way, went about their business in a certain way, and practiced certain observances, then "It's good enough for me," and shouldn't be fooled with by questioning or exploring any other venue of thought on the matter. Some are even comfortable enough with that philosophy as to proudly validate it by saying they were "born" into their whole way of thinking and doing.

Certainly, we do learn from our elders, and are enriched by their example as we grow up. And certainly, we are all somewhat of a composite of our elders traditions and habits, many of which were learned in their own time from their own forebears. But can we take comfort in being only the sum of our past?

To blindly put our trust and confidence in the words, "We've never done it that way before," when faced with the necessity of either making a choice in change of direction or continuing down a dead-end road, is defeating to any kind of

progress. (Of course, being able to recognize and acknowledge a road as being a dead end helps.)

Being complacent in our comfort-zone mind-set of going through life with blinders on, content that we have already seen, learned and done anything that is worth seeing, knowing or experiencing, we set limitations on ourselves that our pioneer ancestors surely did not mean for us to honor.

In reality, our parents and grandparents were a product of their own time and place; courageously making adjustments and adapting to existing circumstances different to the ones we live in. Often ingenious in their ability to cope, make necessary changes and conduct their lives within the odds of survival in their time made them strong enough to open up and settle this big West Texas country we have inherited from their insight and foresight.

There is no way they could have done this if they had not been open to considering new options and possibilities, being willing to look at new and untried horizons, even in the face of not being able to foresee and count all the costs. Although the risk of taking positive action is failure, as the song about our forebears crossing the plains toward the West said, "The coward never started; The weak died on the way; Only the strong came through."

This legacy of stepping out, when necessary, on faith in God and their own potential, even in the face of possible failure, is what they have left us.

Certainly, we do revere the past

and honor the memories and the lives of those who have gone before us. But even for them, the past was a building block to their future.

One has to suspect that if our early ancestors had never questioned or looked beyond their own forefathers concepts and judgments about everything in life, they could probably have been heard saying "My granddaddy always believed and said the world is flat, and that's good enough for me."

The consequence of generations after generations of such close-minded acceptance, based on past understanding and circumstances, would have no doubt left us all still sitting on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, wearing leaves, eating twig bark and warning the kids about the dangers of falling off the edge of the earth if they dared go too far away from the familiar ways of doing things and the proven perimeters of their comfortable little valley.

Making changes in thought or action just for change sake or just to be in defiance of accepted ways is foolish, of course. And we realize that "doing something" always requires a risk, but so does "doing nothing."

The risk of new action taken by an individual or community may be failure, but as much as we respect our history, the past should be a springboard to the future, not a comfortable hammock to spend our life in.

For individuals and communities alike, lessons come from hindsight, vision comes from foresight, and wisdom comes from insight.

## Avoid making emotional investment decisions

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The recent downturn of the stock market has many investors wondering about the future of their investments. "Unfortunately, that's part of the game with stocks and investments, but even a declining market does not mean that everyone loses," said Lou Gilly, family and consumer science agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Haskell County.

"These are the times that homework pays off. If you look around, you'll find wealthy investors, but few, if any, wealthy speculators," she said. "Those who stay the course are those who are knowledgeable about the industries and the companies they invested in."

Sometimes that is easier said than done. "But for the most part, people who panic are those who lose," Gilly said. "The reward comes when we can evaluate both the objective (quantitative) and the subjective (qualitative) criteria of a stock, a company or an organization. The idea is to avoid making emotional investment decisions."

Doing your homework requires patience and diligence. "One of the best things to do is to read. Find three publications or Web sites that have information about the market and the economy in general," she advised.

Read magazines, newspapers, newsletters or other periodicals that have different perspectives. That way the information you receive will be more balanced and you will be better informed.

"Regularly reading three publications will keep you updated so you can anticipate changes and be ready for them, which reduces the tendency to make emotional decisions. Financial writers can be biased and you may make a bad decision if you only listen to one of them," she said.

"Sometimes people feel like they don't know enough to read some of the business publications, but they might be surprised how much they can learn from them," Gilly said. "It's like anything else. We have to start somewhere in order to learn. And reading as much as you can about the stock market and the economy in general is a great place to start learning about the financial world. After all, it's your money they're talking about."

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago August 1, 1991

Gene Rhoads has been named local manager of the Haskell office of West Texas Utilities Company.

Bill Nemir has begun his duties as administrator of Haskell Memorial Hospital. He succeeds Bud Comedy, who retired last month.

Mindy Ballard of Rochester won first place in tailored daywear at the district 4-H fashion show in Quanah.

Mindy Howard of Haskell showed the grand champion Polled Hereford steer at the Belt Buckle Bonanza in Fort Worth.

### 20 Years Ago July 30, 1981

Patrick Pace has been named president of the Farmer's National Bank in Rule to replace Morris Neal who is retiring.

Haskell Junior High School twirlers Patricia Henry, Kelly Gilliam, Jill Jennings and Lori

McGee were named the best line at the Abilene Christian University Band Camp.

Two students from Rule, James E. Cloud and Colleen Townsend, are recipients of the "Distinguished Student" honor at Texas A&M University.

### 30 Years Ago August 5, 1971

Most outstanding garden of the month, judged by the Haskell Garden Club, is the Ed Fouts home.

Bobby Dodd has been hired as assistant football coach and track coach at Haskell High School. David Burson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burson of Haskell, will coach the girls basketball team, girls track, tennis and volleyball.

"Citizenship" was the theme of speeches given by Joan Caddell, Pat Harris and Sue Hager at the noon day luncheon meeting of the Lions Club at Felker's Restaurant dining room. Harris, Caddell and Hager returned recently from Waco where they represented Haskell County Farm Bureau at the Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar.

Kimberly Drinnon, Junior High drum major, attended the twirling school held at Abilene Christian College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Drinnon.

### 40 Years Ago August 3, 1961

Mrs. Walter Larned of Stephenville and Mrs. Earle Bates and children of Ft. Worth spent the weekend visiting in the homes of Mrs. Joe Larned and Mrs. Maggie Larned.

Robert (Bob) Starr, who began his football career in Haskell High School and earned a scholarship at Baylor, recently signed a one-year contract to play pro football with the Baltimore Colts. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dugan Starr of Haskell. Starr and his wife, the former Suzanne Lane, moved to Baltimore a few weeks ago where Starr began training with the Colts.

A 10 pound bag of potatoes is 39¢ and 1/2 gallon carton of milk is 29¢ at M System Super Market.

### 50 Years Ago August 2, 1951

Eight members of the senior class of Mattson High School enjoyed a trip to Colorado. They visited Royal Gorge, Pikes Peak, Denver and Estes Park. Members of the class of 1951 were Pat Howard, Vernell Klose, Alene Weise, Naomi Sparkman, Bennie Arend, J. W. Howard, Wayne Peiser and E. H. Walton. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. George M.

Beard and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Guess.

Mrs. Pearl B. Monke, postmaster at Weinert since 1921, has retired after completing 30 years of service with the U. S. Postal Service, all in the Weinert office. Mrs. Claude Reid of Weinert has been named acting postmaster to succeed Mrs. Monke.

Jerry Wheatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wheatley and John Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Belton Duncan, have returned home after a 17-day trip made by Explorer Scouts to the wilds of Canada.

### 90 Years Ago August 5, 1911

The news came this morning that the southbound Wichita Valley passenger train was blown from the track between Stamford and Anson and that several passengers were hurt.

Zelma Ferguson left Wednesday to visit her parents at Belton. She has been attending Haskell High School and will return for the 1911-1912 session.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bowman have returned from an extended visit to the Plains country. Mr. Bowman says a trip to the Plains by private conveyance will make a man appreciate the good well water of Haskell.

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# Lightning safety information given

If you've ever caught yourself sprinting through a thunderstorm, while wondering about the wisdom of holding an umbrella with a metal center shaft over your head, you probably know that a little knowledge about lightning is a strange and confusing thing. Recent thunderstorms in the state have many Texans brushing up on their lightning safety information.

The National Weather Service estimates that each year, about 300 people are injured by lightning and about 73 are killed. "Although some victims are struck directly by the main lightning strike, many victims are struck as the current moves in and along the ground," according to information on the weather service Web site. "While virtually all people take some protective actions during the most dangerous part as thunderstorms approach, depart or are nearby."

That's why thunderstorms are more than just a light show and some welcome rain. They can be deadly.

The best thing to do is have enough sense to come in and out of the rain, but lightning can be a danger, even indoors. According to information from Texas Agricultural Extension Service, if you are indoors during a thunderstorm:

- Stay there. Don't go outside unless absolutely necessary.
- Stay away from open doors and windows, plug-in appliances, fireplaces, radiators, metal pipes, sinks and stoves.
- If laundry is hanging on the clothesline, leave it there.
- Don't use the telephone, since lightning can strike outside telephone lines and travel through them to the hand-held phone in the house.
- Don't use plug-in electrical appliances or equipment, such as

computers, hair dryers, mixers, toothbrushes or razors.

• If the television set is connected to an outside antenna, unplug the TV.

The information from Extension offered this advice for those who find themselves outdoors when a thunderstorm blows up and too far from a building to seek shelter indoors:

- Don't stand under a lone tree. If lightning strikes nearby, it could follow the root system and electrify a wide ground area.
- Stay away from high points such as fences and overhead wires.
- Stay away from hilltops and open spaces, as well as metal objects such as fences and flagpoles and exposed sheds.
- Seek shelter in a cave or ditch or under clumps of small trees that are least head high. Shelter under the smallest one.
- Small open shelters, such as

those found at picnic areas and golf courses, are not safe during thunderstorms since they are often prime targets for lightning.

• If traveling, stay in your car. Roll up all windows and don't touch metal. However, convertibles with non-metal tops are dangerous during thunderstorms.

• If swimming or boating, get out of the water when a thunderstorm starts building. Water conducts electricity, making it dangerous during thunderstorms.

• Don't use metal objects such as golf clubs or fishing rods. Cleated golf shoes aren't safe either.

• Don't work on power lines, fences or construction.

But what about that umbrella thing: Is it, in fact, dangerous to dash through a thunderstorm holding an umbrella over your head?

Yes and no, said Dr. Richard Orville, director of the Cooperative Institute for Applied Meteorological Studies at Texas A&M University. "It's more dangerous with an umbrella than without it, but the increase of danger is very, very slight," he said.

The umbrella increases a person's height by 2 or 3 feet, he said, but still the chance of getting struck by lightning because of an umbrella is a small one. "I use an umbrella," he added.

However, the best thing to do in a thunderstorm is seek shelter - get indoors - Orville said. And whatever you do, "don't go out and stand in an open field. Get under cover."

The best place to be is a building protected by lightning rods, Orville said. These devices protect homes and other buildings by conducting lightning through the rod that is higher than the roof, down a cable and into a stake that ends 2 to 3 feet under the surface of the ground. In that way, lightning rods safely dissipate the current of the lightning into the ground while protecting the buildings and the people in them.

Thunderstorms are nothing to play around in, experts say. The light show may be spectacular, but don't let it be the last thing you ever see.

# Fad diets don't offer success in weight loss

Successful weight watchers know the real secret to long-term success isn't found in a fad diet.

"Fad diets that are restrictive are not effective for weight management," said Dr. Ken Goodrick, assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

In fact, consciously eating less than you want and skipping meals can sabotage weight loss efforts. Studies report that in spite of efforts to maintain weight loss, people often gain back the pounds they shed and might even add a few more.

Fad diets like those advocating non-fat or high-protein foods or

low-calorie liquids can deprive the body of important nutrients needed for good health.

To help reach and maintain a healthy weight, Goodrick suggests avoiding high-fat, fried foods, exercising at least five hours a week and following the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid.

"People who successfully lose weight and keep it off are careful about what they eat without depriving themselves," he added. "They recognize that eating and exercise can be enjoyable and that along with good sleep, will improve feelings of energy as well as control weight."

# Diet change can ease heartburn

The discomfort of heartburn can usually be prevented with a few simple diet and lifestyle changes.

Heartburn is caused by stomach contents that backflow or reflux. It can include a sour taste, burning and pressure.

"Foods that are acidic and direct irritants to the esophagus should be avoided," said Dr. Gulchin Ergun, medical director of the Reflux Center at Baylor College of

Medicine and the Methodist Hospital.

Orange, grapefruit and pineapple juices, foods that contain large amounts of vinegar, aspirin, alcohol, caffeine, tomato products and chocolates are all potential causes of heartburn.

In addition to watching your diet, don't lie down for two to three hours after eating to decrease the risk of heartburn, Ergun said.

# Government has one-stop website for information

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent The federal government has a new one-stop Web site for anyone who wants information from Uncle Sam. "Instead of memorizing a bunch of phone numbers or Web addresses, it's much easier to visit one site and get what you need," said Lou Gilly, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension

Service in Haskell County.

The new site, www.firstgov.gov, provides links to Web pages that have information for estimating Social Security benefits, filing taxes online, searching for unclaimed pension funds, applying for student loans, renewing passports, buying savings bonds and Treasury bills, applying for patents and trademarks and reserving campgrounds in

national parks.

"It's an entry point to thousands of sources of information provided online by the federal government," said Gilly. "All you have to do is click on the subject and it takes you to the right places. Or you can use the search button to find other information not listed."

By using the government's new Web site, consumers don't need to know which agency to contact or how to find one of the government's 27 million Web pages. "They've done the hard work for you," she said.

In addition to information provided by various federal agencies, the new website can link consumers to materials and research on many different subjects, including American history, current weather conditions, court cases and clinical drug trials.

"It's a great service for those of us who need to access information quickly and logically," she said.

# Computer use may not contribute to carpal tunnel syndrome

If you use a computer all day, are you dooming yourself to carpal tunnel syndrome?

In the 1990s, a wrist brace for carpal tunnel syndrome was the badge of a computer user. People who do repetitive motions - like typing on a computer - for long stretches of time are at risk for carpal tunnel syndrome.

Now researchers in Minnesota say using computers doesn't really raise your risk. They looked at a group of clinic employees, asking them about their computer use and examining them for carpal tunnel syndrome. They found that those who used computers a lot weren't any more likely to have carpal tunnel syndrome than those who

didn't use computers. Even among those who did have carpal tunnel syndrome, the cases were very mild. About 30 percent of the employees did have some tingling in their hands or wrists, but that was from other causes. Only about 10 percent actually had carpal tunnel syndrome.

Doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say constant computer use can cause some discomfort or pain. It's best to set up your workspace so your wrists can remain flat as you type. Take occasional breaks to stretch your whole body and you'll avoid a lot of the soreness and stiffness that comes from sitting at a computer all day.

# Mercury poisoning deadly

Mercury poisoning is not very common, but it can be deadly for children.

Mercury is a silvery metal that is extremely poisonous. Children can become exposed from broken glass thermometers, which contain elemental liquid mercury and thimerosal, a mercury compound used in vaccines.

"Children who come in contact with mercury can develop respiratory problems and if the

metal penetrates the brain, brain damage," said Dr. Erin Endom, an assistant professor of pediatric emergency medicine at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Although thimerosal has never been proven to cause mercury poisoning in children, physicians are concerned about the increased number of thimerosal-containing vaccines given to children.



## NOTICE OF DISTRICT MEETING B-K ELECTRIC DISTRICT TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Dear Member:  
B-K Electric, a district of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., will hold its second District Meeting of the Membership on August 10, 2001. The meeting will be held at the old high school auditorium located at 409 West Idaho in Seymour. This is the same location where B-K held its annual meetings. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to nominate a qualified member to be placed on the ballot for director of District 10 (B-K District). This term is for a period of three years. For more information, please see ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS of the Tri-County Electric Cooperative's By-Laws, revised March 27, 2000. Copies may be obtained at your local district office. The Board of Directors of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. meets once a month for a Regular Board of Directors Meeting at the main office in Azle, Texas. Other meetings may be required by action of the board. Eddie Adkins, former President of the B-K Board of Directors, has served as this director for the past three years. Mr. Adkins has a perfect attendance record.

Mr. Craig Knight, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. will discuss the state of the cooperative and deregulation in Texas.

We would encourage each member to attend this important district meeting, Friday, August 10th. Each member who brings their Notice of District Meeting will receive a \$5.00 credit on their electric bill. There will be a drawing for door prizes at the conclusion of this meeting.

The B-K Electric District's members that attend this district meeting, Friday, August 10, 2001, will nominate a director who will be voted on by the entire membership of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. The voting ballot and Notice of the Annual Meeting will be mailed to each member prior to Tri-County Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2001 in Weatherford. Please return this ballot; you may win a prize. Information on the annual meeting and voting by ballot will be mailed at a later date. Also, Tri-County will furnish round trip transportation, by reservation only, to the annual meeting. For more information, please call Don Gregg, B-K District Manager. The phone number is 888-3441 and for long distance calls (800) 945-3077.

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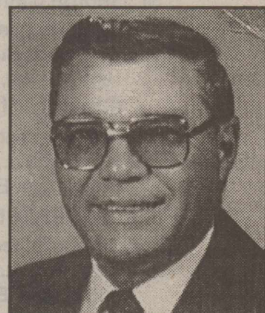
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The 2001 tax law expands the tax benefits of these plans. Next year, qualified distributions from state-run plans will not be subject to federal income tax. (They may still be subject to state income taxes.) Also starting next year, education institutions can offer prepaid tuition plans. Qualified distributions from nonstate plans will be free of federal income tax starting in 2004.

There are some disadvantages to Section 529 plans. For example, you are not permitted to direct your investments. Also, the benefits of starting a plan usually decrease as your child approaches college age.

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## Youth rally planned in Albany Aug. 8-10

The annual Youth Rally held by the Albany-based Christian youth organization, IMPACT, Aug. 8-10, will have as special speakers, two survivors of the Columbine High School shootings, along with a Columbine community and media spokesperson during the aftermath.

Sixteen year old Heidi Johnson miraculously escaped the library after witnessing the shooting of her classmates. She will share what teenagers today can do to prevent this kind of tragedy.

Lauren Beyer, a fifteen year old

freshman was having lunch in the cafeteria where the shooting began at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. She was under a cafeteria table next to the bomb that miraculously did not explode. Her powerful message is not to wait for tragedy to strike to reach out to others.

Dr. Bill Epperhart presided over four of the Columbine funerals held at Trinity Christian Center, just two blocks from Columbine High School.

The rally will begin in the Albany Downtown Bank Park at 7:00 each night. Those attending should bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating.

Admission is free. A love offering will be taken.

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## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Mon., Aug. 6**  
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 1:00 p.m. AARP Defensive Driving Class, Haskell National Bank Community Room

**Tues., Aug. 7**  
 1:00 p.m. AARP Defensive Driving Class, Haskell National Bank Community Room

**Wed., Aug. 8**  
 11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check

Lunch-Spaghetti with meat sauce, cole slaw, English peas, garlic toast, cobbler, milk, tea or coffee

**Fri., Aug. 10**  
 Lunch-Chicken salad, 3 bean salad, Jello, cookie, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

## New pastor named at Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton has welcomed a new pastor, Deborah Nissen, who will be installed to the position Sun., Aug. 12, during a worship service celebration at 3:00 p.m.

Nissen comes to Sagerton from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, where she has spent the last year in studies. She has lived

in the Fort Worth area since 1971.

While new to the position of pastor, Nissen has been active in the church and is a life-long Lutheran. She holds a degree in Business Administration from Texas Christian University, and was an accountant in Fort Worth. Her parents are retired to Mountain Home, Arizona.

## Local FFA members travel to convention

Members of the Haskell FFA Chapter traveled to Houston the week of July 9 for the 73rd Annual State FFA Convention.

Terry received the Lone Star Degree, the highest degree at the state level. Bullinger served as a member of the courtesy corp.

Attending were Levi Terry, B. J. Opsahl, Melissa Buerger, Ross Bullinger, Wendy Proctor, Sydney Brueggeman, Angel Pena, Chase Cockerell and advisors James Bevel and Duane Gilly.

Voting delegates for the state president election were Terry and Opsahl. Other voting delegates for other sessions were chosen at random from the chapter.

The group took a trip to Galveston to walk on the beach.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### FAITH WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO PRAY

A prayer is intended to be a beautiful communion with the Almighty, but we sometimes turn it instead into a request for some material gain: often of doubtful benefit. To do so is to dishonor God by assuming that He is not already aware of your needs. So go to your Church this

Sunday and pray for His guidance to help you become a better person. And, instead of attempting to give God information, just thank Him for what you already have and reaffirm your trust in His infinite wisdom in knowing what is really best for you.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL**
- East Side Baptist Church**  
David Page, pastor  
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
  - Christian Church**  
Dusty Garison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - Church of God**  
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
East Hwy 380, Haskell
  - Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Gary Bruns, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
  - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
  - First United Methodist Church**  
Shane Brue, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - St. George Catholic Church**  
Father Michael Melcher  
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
  - Church of Christ**  
Brett Anderson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - First Presbyterian Church**  
Henry Chisholm, temporary supply  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - Trinity Baptist Church**  
Rev. Kenneth Blair  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.  
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
  - Hopewell Baptist Church**  
John Lewis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Samuel Blackwell, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**  
Kevin Hall, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**  
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gazebo or Pavillion

- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**  
Chris Powell, pastor  
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  - Weinert Foursquare Church**  
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- ROCHESTER**
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Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester
  - First Baptist Church**  
Troy Culpepper, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester
  - Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clarence Walker  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester
- First United Methodist Church**  
Dolan Brinson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester

- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Tommy Wilson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
Sagerton
  - Faith Lutheran Church**  
Deborah Nissen, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton

- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**  
Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule
  - Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
  - Church of Christ**  
John Greason, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule
  - First United Methodist Church**  
Shane Brue, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule
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Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Elm Street/Hwy 380 E, Rule
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Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
  - West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

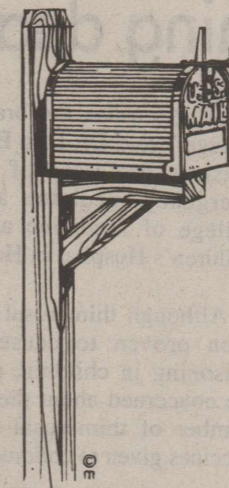
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Dated the 26th day of July, 2001.  
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## Rule School registration to be held August 8-10

Rule ISD will hold pre-registration Aug. 8, 9 and 10 at the Rule ISD library. Parents/legal guardians of students in grades K-8 and parents of all students who are new to the district for the upcoming school year are required to attend. Parents of all high school age students are also encouraged to attend.

The pre-registration is as follows: Wed., Aug. 8 - 1:00 p.m.

until 2:30 p.m. - Seniors; 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. - Juniors.

Thurs., Aug. 9 - 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. - Sophomores; 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. - Freshmen.

Fri., Aug. 10 - 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. - Kindergarten-5th grade; 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. - 8th grade; 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. - 7th grade; and 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. - 6th grade.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items with them to pre-registration.

1. Proof of residency in the Rule ISD in the form of a water or electric bill.
  2. A copy of the child's Social Security Card.
  3. Current immunization records.
  4. Any records from the child's previous school district.
- For more information about pre-registration, call the Rule ISD at 997-2246 or 997-2521.

## Council suspends TXU Gas decision

At the July 23 meeting of the Haskell City Council, members again rejected the bids received for seal coating city streets.

After a lengthy discussion of TXU Gas Distribution rate increase, and the potential actions available for the city to take, approval was given by the Council to a resolution to suspend decision for 90 days (until Oct. 31) and approving cooperation on the matter with other cities within the West region. Under this choice of action, the cities will have opportunity to have the case

examined by consultants; the implementation of new rates will be delayed until after Oct. 31, and gas customers will be surcharged rate case expenses related to fees charged by consultants. If no settlement is reached by Oct. 31, TXU Gas Distribution has the right to appeal its case to the Railroad Commission, and gas customers will be surcharged rate case expenses related to the appeal.

The Council also met July 19 for a city budget workshop meeting.

## Commissioners' Court report

At the Haskell County Commissioner's meeting, July 24, members approved the hiring of Lillie May Griffin as kitchen supervisor at the Experienced Citizens' Center to replace Kathy Baldwin. Griffin will be hired at the same salary as Baldwin with no

probationary period. Tammy Hobbs was taken off probationary salary and put on regular pay beginning Aug. 1. The load zone for County Road 207 (at the north end of Ave. A.) was set at 32,000 pounds gross weight by the court.

## Sales tax holiday is Aug. 3-5

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander reminds Texas families that most clothes and shoes can be purchased tax-free during the upcoming Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 3-5.

"This is the one weekend when hard-working Texans can keep their dollars in their pockets for their family priorities," Rylander said. "No state or local sales tax will be charged on clothes and shoes priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said. "This well-deserved tax break for hard-working Texas families applies to new school clothes for kids and work clothes for mom and dad. Uniforms for school or work can also be purchased tax-free.

"I predict the third annual Sales Tax Holiday will be the best yet, saving families \$39.6 million in state and local sales taxes," Comptroller Rylander said.

In 2000 shoppers saved \$37 million in sales taxes and in 1999 they saved \$32.6 million during the Sales Tax Holiday.

"The slowing Texas economy means many families are spending a bit more cautiously these days," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Sales Tax Holiday is an opportunity to make the dollars go farther, and I expect Texans to take full advantage of it."

The Sales Tax Holiday applies to most clothing and footwear priced under \$100. The tax break does not apply to accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases.

The Sales Tax Holiday also does not include backpacks and school supplies, despite Comptroller Rylander's strong efforts to persuade the Legislature to add those items to the list, along with sewing supplies and safety equipment, such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats.

"The Legislature did not make the Sales Tax Holiday a priority," Comptroller Rylander said. "Next session, I will again urge the Legislature to make Texas families and the Sales Tax Holiday expansion a top priority."

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of exempt and nonexempt items, see the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us) or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

## Haskell is one of Boys Ranch finalists

Haskell has been named one of four finalist cities being considered as the possible site of a new campus of Ben Richey Boys Ranch.

Albany, Anson and Hamlin are also on the list, chosen from among ten proposals submitted, including those from Aspermont, Knox City, Jayton, Rochester, Stamford and Tuscola.

After the announcement by the Boys Ranch officials, Haskell Consolidated Independent School District Superintendent, Billie McKeever, said, "We are pleased to be one of the finalists and pleased to have the opportunity to show them what we have to offer."

Officials from the Boys Ranch will be in Haskell on Tues., Aug. 7, to look at the local school facilities and tour possible sites for the new satellite campus.

"Basically, what we have to offer is a great place for kids to go to school, and a great community to raise them in," said McKeever.

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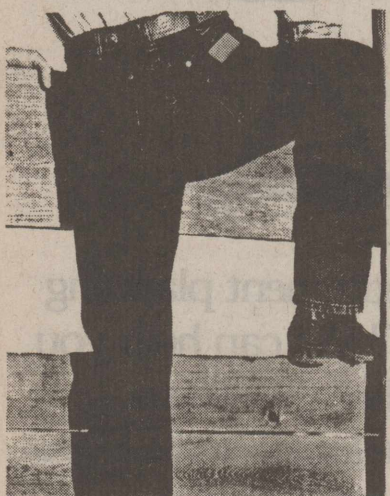
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